

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Claims 1-9 (Cancelled).

10. (Original) A mantel assembly for a fireplace, comprising: a mantel including a rear surface; first and second legs extending from the mantel; and a mounting device coupled to the rear surface of the mantel, the mounting device comprising: a main body defining a space; a plunger disposed within the space and configured to move within the space; and a biasing member coupled to and biasing the plunger.
11. (Original) The mantel assembly of claim 10, wherein the mounting device is a first device, and wherein the mantel assembly further comprises a second device coupled to the rear surface of the mantel.
12. (Original) The mounting assembly of claim 10, further comprising a strip configured to be mounted on a wall, wherein an outer end of the plunger is configured to engage the strip.
13. (Original) The mounting assembly of claim 10, wherein the biasing member is a spring.
14. (Original) The mounting assembly of claim 13, wherein the spring is positioned between the plunger and a stop member.
15. (Original) The mounting assembly of claim 10, wherein the plunger defines a cavity sized to receive a portion of the biasing member.
16. (Original) The mounting assembly of claim 10, wherein the plunger is configured to move in a substantially vertical direction.

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17. (Currently Amended) A method for mounting an object to a wall of a structure, the method comprising: providing a mounting device coupled to the object, the mounting device including a main body defining a space, a plunger disposed within the space and configured to move within the space, and a biasing member coupled to and biasing the plunger; mounting a strip on the wall of the structure; and positioning the object against the wall so that the plunger engages the strip, wherein the object is a mantel.

18. (Canceled).

19. (Currently amended) The method of claim 17+8, wherein the step of positioning further comprises allowing legs of the mantel to contact a floor of the structure.

20. (Original) The method of claim 19, wherein the step of providing further comprises setting a tolerance of the mounting device such that the biasing member allows the legs of the mantel to contact the floor of the structure.